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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - BALTIMORE PKD CORE CENTER**

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**Baltimore PKD Center - Pilot and Feasibility Program**

**Letters of Intent due Friday, April 14, 2017**

**Proposal Due Wednesday, June 1, 2017**

**Background**

The Baltimore PKD Research and Clinical Core Center (NIH: P30 DK090868) is soliciting applications for Pilot and Feasibility Proposals.

The P/F Program provides one year of research support for eligible applicants (see eligibility criteria below) who want to explore a concept with the goal of generating data to pursue other funding mechanisms (ie, NIH R01).

The proposed project must be related to the study of Polycystic Kidney Disease. The maximum grant amount is \$50,000 direct costs for the one-year grant period. No more than 10% effort (1.2 Cal months) may be used to support the principal investigator's (PI) salary and fringes. You must budget funds for travel and presentation at the annual meeting in Baltimore. No funding will be allowed for indirect costs.

Recipients are eligible to apply for a second year of funding but renewal will be competitive and will be evaluated on the progress made during the first year of funding. A PI may receive a maximum of two years of funding.

**Eligibility**

Three groups of investigators are encouraged to apply:

1. New investigators who have never held extramural NIH support other than a K or R03 award and have not been PIs on R, P or U grants (or the equivalent) are the preferred group for funding. Those with MD, PhD or MD/PhD are eligible, will generally be junior faculty who are being mentored for independence.
2. Established investigators who are newly attracted to study PKD related projects.
3. PKD investigators who are starting a new, innovative project that represents a significant departure from their ongoing, funded research.

The order above (1-2-3) represents the priority for selecting projects for funding. Funding is for one year, with consideration for a second year upon submission of a formal application, which must include a progress report.

### **Application Process**

Interested applicants should submit an electronic Letter of Intent to include:

- Project Title
- Statement of Eligibility
- Specific Aims page that would be submitted for an NIH grant
- Paragraph on future funding prospects for funding by NIDDK
- NIH Style Biosketch
- Other Support (include current & pending support)

These documents and any questions should be directed to Terry Watnick [twatnick@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:twatnick@som.umaryland.edu) or Karleen Schuhart [kschuhart@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:kschuhart@som.umaryland.edu) no later than **April 14, 2017**.

After initial review, we will invite selected applicants to submit a full proposal that will be due on or before June 1, 2017. Awards will commence around July 2017.

Thank you for your interest in our Center,

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